



## Spring 2001

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### Concerts in the Park Varied

A little of this. A little of that. Something for just about everyone, and fun for all! That's been the ingredients that have combined to make the "Tuesdays in Central Park" concert series a big hit over the past few years. And the concerts which begin June 5 promise to have that same appeal.

The concerts are free and open to the public. All you need to bring is a blanket, a lawn chair or two and a desire to be entertained.

Concerts are held in the center of Central Park, 1500 S. Main. They begin at 7 p.m. and usually wrap up about 9 p.m. Each concert follows a particular theme.

The opener on June 5 will feature Gospel music, featuring performers "Judah" and Harbinger Quartet. It's also designated as "Broken Arrow Neighbors Night." Any canned food or non-perishable food items that are donated will be given to BA Neighbors.

On June 12 the theme will be Rock-n-Roll, with the familiar sounds and sights of the BopCats, one of the area's most popular groups.

Then on June 19 The Mike Bennett Orchestra, featuring Sharon Moguin, will bring back

memories of the Big Band era.

The final program of the summer will be the Red Dirt Rangers on June 26.

If there's inclement weather on any of those nights, arrangements have been made to move the concerts inside at the North Intermediate Auditorium (808 E. College). No food or drinks are allowed in that facility. And no alcoholic beverages are permitted in the park when concerts are held there.

The Tuesdays in Central Park series is a cooperative effort between the Broken Arrow Arts & Humanities Council and the Broken Arrow Parks & Recreation Department. Serving as co-sponsors this year are RCB Bank, Northeastern State University at Broken Arrow and the Oklahoma Arts Council.



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## Firefighters, Wilson Honored as 'Heroes'

Four Broken Arrow Firefighters joined Animal Control Officer Mario Wilson in being honored by the American Red Cross as "Everyday Heroes" for their efforts in saving a 17-year-old deaf and blind Poodle.

Ed Rowell, Colby Hicks, Buck White and Shaun Christmas of Station No. 5 were called to the scene of a family emergency at the home of Steve and Chris Marvel, whose dog had accidentally been trapped in an air conditioning vent. At one point the family and friends had considered putting the dog to sleep to ease its suffering, as nothing seemed to work in freeing the frightened canine.

Wilson, who was earlier this year named the Broken Arrow Police Department Employee of the Year, responded to the scene. Soon thereafter the Firefighters from Station No. 5 were brought in, and they all combined for a plan which eventually saved the day...and the dog! A mirror, garden hose and flashlight combined to do the trick. When the air conditioner came on and frightened "Cocoa," the started canine moved toward the flashlight, was safely pulled to out of the vent and back into the home.

Dr. Dianne Nail of Arrow Springs Animal Hospital was called in and she gave the dog a tranquilizer and pain medicine. Cocoa is now fully recovered.

The American Red Cross honors local men, women and children each year for heroic efforts. Citizens nominate those they feel are worthy, and final selections are announced at the awards luncheon.



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## Route Changes Made in Sanitation Service

Some good things don't last forever. Some, however, get better and better!

That will be the case with the City of Broken Arrow Sanitation Service beginning July 2. It's going to change. But it will be a change that makes a good thing even better.

Dave Wooden, Director of Pubic Works, has announced that beginning the first Monday in July the City's Sanitation Service curbside pickup schedules will be upgraded for the steady growth in Broken Arrow -- and even faster growth in the near future.

The regularly scheduled Wednesday-Saturday routes will be eliminated. Instead, crews will make their pickups on Monday and Thursday or Tuesday and Friday. If a holiday falls on Monday, all routes will be backed up a day (Monday to Tuesday, Tuesday to Wednesday). That will eliminate one of the few complaints customers had -- that a Monday holiday resulted in no pickup until the next Thursday.

Wooden pointed out that City crews would continue to pickup unlimited household waste; make free pickups of storm damage debris; yard waste pickup up to 10 bags at no extra charge; special pickups (below actual cost) of sofas, chairs, carpets, etc.; and provide the 200 free trash bags and free spring cleaning day each year.

A survey of City customers detailed positive and negative aspects of the service. Details of the new service will be provided to customers during the next several weeks, and will be included on the City's web site ([www.city.broken-arrow.ok.us](http://www.city.broken-arrow.ok.us)) and on the Municipal Information TV Channel (Cox Channel 24).



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## Floods Top Disaster List

Tornadoes may be the No. 1 fear of Oklahomans during this time of the year, but the No. 1 natural disaster in America is flooding.

In the last two years floods have hit homes and businesses in all 50 states. Oklahoma residents received over \$6,880,000 in insured flood losses during the past year.

May is "Flood Awareness Month" in Oklahoma. One of the reasons flooding has not been a major problem in Broken Arrow is the work done by the Engineering Department in being prepared for such disasters -- and planning the city in such a way as to avoid most of those major problems. The City has four Certified Floodplain Managers: Justin Cook, the Director of Engineering; Greg Kirby, Engineering Service Manager and Floodplain Coordinator; and Project Engineers Garrett Miller and Jeff Bigby.

Broken Arrow is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program, which makes it possible for city property owners to obtain Federally backed flood insurance.



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## Glory Daze Put on Hold

"Glory Daze," the family fireworks program which exploded on the Broken Arrow scene two summers ago, has been put on hold for at least a year by the City Council.

The Independence Day celebration was created to give Broken Arrowans an alternative to driving into Tulsa or beyond. This summer First Baptist Church will be holding its own giant celebration on that first weekend in July. City administrators recommended to the Council that a duplication in fundraising and energy be avoided.

With the City's Centennial Celebration starting in October, 2002, it's a good bet Glory Daze will return!

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## Officers in Schools Make Impact

"SRO" in Broken Arrow schools has nothing to do with standing room. The School Resource Officers provided by the Broken Arrow Police Department, however, are winning more and more fans every year.

The BAPD currently provides four School Resource Officers for all of the BA Public Schools. Another will be added in August.

Sgt. Brandon Berryhill of the Police Department explains that the SROs provide "mentorship, positive role modeling, law enforcement services, classroom presentations and act as liaisons with the schools and the students." Two of the positions are locally funded and two are on grants. Another grant has been awarded to fund the fifth officer next school year.

An article in the BAPS newsletter "Arrowpoint" illustrates just how valuable those officers can be.

The story told of a high school student who told SRO Steve Vanscoy that her life had been saved through the influence of Vanscoy and a school counselor when the student was in middle school.

"When she was in middle school she had a temporary problem and was looking for a permanent solution," said Vanscoy after seeing the student at a football game this past fall.

"When you see a kid like that four years later, and see them doing well, that's the reward."

Joining Vanscoy this year have been Officer Gary Sanders, Officer Jamie Bradley and Officer David Harris. The shift bid system will result in Officer Leon Calhoun, Officer Barbara Jones and Officer Scott Oelke joining with Vanscoy and Sanders.

Berryhill is the Sergeant over the SROs and also supervises the Professional Standards Unit, which includes Crime Prevention, Grants Management and Technology Research.

The City has had SROs for five years. The new position will work with Union schools. The first year the SRO program also included DARE, but the last four years has been SRO only. There is a Drug Awareness program within SRO.

Vanscoy points out that "90 percent of our work is preventative." But Oliver Middle School principal Jerrye Jackson sees them as much more than "an ounce of prevention."

"Our SRO is seen as part of the Oliver family," she said in the Arrowpoint story. "They truly are a resource. They're more than just a uniformed security officer on campus. Officer Vanscoy helps us with legal questions, offers input when we have lock-down drills and gives counseling to our students."

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## New Family Aquatic Center Opens

City of Broken Arrow swimming pools will open Memorial Day Weekend -- May 26. And there'll be something new in which to splash around this summer!

After being approved by voters in the 1998 bond issue, the City's Family Aquatic Center will be open for the first time. The Family Aquatic Center will be officially dedicated on June 6. It is 9,609-square feet in area and will accommodate more than 600 swimmers.

There is a large flume slide and a small dual drop slide, as well as two 1-meter diving boards. The north end of the pool features 0-depth entry. There is also a wading pool on the north end, perfect for the little ones. Included are Raindrop and Do-Drop fountains, a turtle slide and four large shade cloth umbrellas.

The old Central Pool will remain open, and will be used for such programs as lap swimming, water aerobics and other special programs. The Learn to Swim program will begin there in June and continue through July (see story on Page 4 for details).

Swim passes are on sale at the Community Center (1500 S. Main). Summer passes for children are \$25 and for adults \$30. There are 30-swim passes for \$30 and a Family Pass for \$80 (good for all children and adults in the family). Fees for the pools are \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children at Central and \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children at Country Aire and Haskell. Central will be closed Monday for cleaning, with Country Aire closed on Tuesdays and Haskell on Wednesdays.

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## Learn to Swim Program Busy

Once again this summer the Broken Arrow Parks & Recreation Department will be offering Learn to Swim programs for ages 6 months and up. The cost is \$40 for the two-week sessions, which run Monday through Thursday. Morning and evening sessions are available.

The Parks & Recreation Department is an authorized provider for the American Red Cross. Sign-ups have been going since April 16 for the swim lessons, which will be held at Central Pool (1500 S. Main).

Krystal Ridenour, in charge of registration for the program, reports that morning sessions will be offered from 9:00 to 9:40, 9:50 to 10:30, 10:40 to 11:20 and 11:30 to 12:10. Morning classes for younger children, including infants, will be only 25 minutes in duration and will start at 9:30, 10:00, 10:40 and 11:10.

The 40-minute evening classes will start at 6:00, 6:50 and 7:40. Twenty-five minute classes for the smaller tykes will start at 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00.

For details on the types of classes available check out the City web site, [www.city.broken-arrow.ok.us](http://www.city.broken-arrow.ok.us), under the Parks & Recreation Department.

Swim passes are also on sale at the Community Center (see story on Page 2 for details).

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## 'Night Out' Scheduled July 27

Neighborhoods throughout Broken Arrow will be invited to join the Police Department in “America’s Night Out Against Crime” July 27. Watch for plans on a “going away party” for crime and drugs in Broken Arrow. Details will be available on the City’s web site and TV Municipal Information Channel.



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